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The enclosed for filing is the patent application of:

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Related: PROCESS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PEPTIDES CORRESPONDING TO IMMUNOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT EPITOPES AND THEIR USE IN A PROCESS FOR DETERMINATION OF ANTIBODIES OR BIOTINYLATED PEPTIDES CORRESPONDING TO IMMUNOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT EPITOPES, A PROCESS FOR PREPARING THEM AND COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM

and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

104 pages of specification and claims (including 22 numbered claims), and

28 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) received by Patent Office in SN 08/146,028 (see, attached Notification dated 4/12/94).

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/576,824, filed May 23, 2000 (allowed), which is a divisional of application Serial NO. 08/723,425, filed September 30, 1996, which is a divisional of applicatin Serial No. 08/146,028, filed November 23, 1993, which is a 371 application of PCT/EP93/00517, which claims benefit of EP 92400598.6, filed March 6, 1992, the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ The prior application is assigned to N.V. INNOGENETICS S.A..

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

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☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment, copy of Notification dated 4/12/94 from SN 08/146,028, 92 page marked-up substitute specification; 145 page substitute specification, submission of formal drawings, 57 sheets formal drawings, Sequence Listing Request, PTO 1449 Forms

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